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# Personal Information

| HAVE<br>IT | DON'T<br>HAVE IT | N/A |   | there will be other items<br>and information that should<br>be included.  |  |  |
|------------|------------------|-----|---|---|--|--|
|            |                  |     | Name: decide on a form (Edward or Ted or E.J.) and stick to it.                 | After all, you are distinctive  |  |  |
|            |                  |     | Address—ensure it is accurate and complete.                                     | and unique. Your portfolio will be just as distinctive and unique.  |  |  |
|            |                  |     | Contact information including phone, pager, cell, fax and e-mail.               | Write additional items on a separate sheet. Collect   |  |  |
|            |                  |     | Social security number. (Be sure you keep this in a safe and private place).    | documents that are on your checklist and put them in a safe location.   |  |  |
|            |                  |     | Birth certificate.  |   |  |  |
|            |                  |     | Passport.   |   |  |  |
|            |                  |     | Citizenship certificate.  |   |  |  |
|            |                  |     | Landed immigrant status documents.  | Landed immigrant status documents.  |  |  |
|            |                  |     | Guardianship documents.   | Guardianship documents.   |  |  |
|            |                  |     | Languages understood, spoken and written.                                       | Languages understood, spoken and written.   |  |  |
|            |                  |     | Travel experience including destinations, dates are description of experiences. | Travel experience including destinations, dates and description of experiences.   |  |  |
|            | ٥                | ٥   | associations, service clubs and organizations. This                             | Family affiliations, for example; military services, employers, professional associations, service clubs and organizations. This is very useful information because organizations to which family members belong are a good place to begin looking for scholarship dollars. |  |  |
|            |                  |     | Best personal qualities.  |   |  |  |
|            |                  |     |   |   |  |  |
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# Academic Information

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|------------|------------------|------|---|--|
| HAVE<br>IT | DON'T<br>HAVE IT | N/A  |   | and information that should be included.                                     |
|            |                  |      | School transcripts.   | After all, you are distinctive and unique. Your portfolio                    |
|            |                  |      | Test scores (e.g., State Academic Mastery, PSAT, SAT, ACT, College Boards).   | will be just as distinctive and unique.                                      |
|            |                  |      | Courses taken.  | Write additional items on a separate sheet. Collect                          |
|            |                  |      | Favorite school subjects.   | documents that are on you checklist and put them in a                        |
|            |                  |      | Cooperative learning projects.  | safe location.   |
|            |                  |      | Study abroad experience.  | Include dates, locations and names of key teachers instructors or coaches. A |
|            |                  |      | Special projects.   | video or audio might be appropriate in this section.                         |
|            |                  |      | Writing samples.  |  |
|            |                  |      | Class assignments that show math problem-solvi use of computer software, etc. | ng or  |
|            |                  |      | Scholarships.   |  |
|            |                  |      | Academic awards.  |  |
|            |                  |      | Postsecondary schools explored.   |  |
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## Personal Accomplishments

| HAVE<br>IT | DON'T<br>HAVE IT | N/A |   | be inclu  |  |
|------------|------------------|-----|---|---|--|
|            |                  |     | Student awards and honors including athletics.  | After all,  |  |
|            |                  |     | Detailed list of extracurricular activities.  | and unic<br>will be ju<br>unique.                   |  |
|            |                  |     | Membership in school, social, community or religious organizations and leadership positions held.       | Write ad separate                                   |  |
|            |                  |     | Special skills, interests and talents.  | checklist<br>safe loca                              |  |
|            |                  |     | Workshops, conferences, seminars or special training attended (e.g., a video production seminar).       | Include and nan instructo                           |  |
|            |                  |     | Certificates or diplomas.   | appropr   |  |
|            |                  |     | Performances (e.g., drama, music and fashion show   | ws).  |  |
|            |                  |     | Quality photos of drawings, cartoons and painting   | Quality photos of drawings, cartoons and paintings. |  |
|            |                  |     | Log of books read and movies watched.   | Log of books read and movies watched.               |  |
|            |                  |     | Photographs of large projects or art work.  | Photographs of large projects or art work.          |  |
|            |                  |     | Computer software skills (list word processing, database, spreadsheet and desktop publishing programs). |   |  |
|            |                  |     | Tools and equipment you can use.  |   |  |
|            |                  |     | Licenses (e.g., driver's license).  |   |  |
|            |                  |     | Poetry, stories or articles published.  |   |  |
|            |                  |     | Fundraising activities.   | Fundraising activities.                             |  |
|            |                  |     | Newspaper articles about you.   |   |  |

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Include dates, locations and names of key teachers instructors or coaches. A video or audio might be appropriate in this section.

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### Work Experience

| HAVE<br>IT | DON'T<br>HAVE IT | N/A |  | and in  |  |
|------------|------------------|-----|--|---|--|
|            |                  |     | Volunteer and community service, as well as paid work experiences.   | After a   |  |
|            |                  |     | Occupations you have explored including job shadowing, Co-op and internships.                                      | will be<br>unique                                       |  |
|            |                  |     | Career assessments and interest inventory information.   | Write of separation documents checkles                  |  |
|            |                  |     | Career exploration interviews.   | safe lo   |  |
|            |                  |     | Methods used to learn about occupations (e.g., career fair, field trip, job shadow, videos and computer programs). | Include<br>locatio<br>descrip<br>skills ar              |  |
|            |                  |     | Employability skills related to occupations of interest.   |   |  |
|            |                  |     | Letters of recommendation and testimonials.  | Letters of recommendation and testimonials.             |  |
|            |                  |     | Basic resume information for creating targeted resu  | Basic resume information for creating targeted resumes. |  |
|            |                  |     | Copies of past resumes.  | Copies of past resumes.                                 |  |
|            |                  |     | Basic information for creating targeted cover letter   | Basic information for creating targeted cover letters.  |  |
|            |                  |     | Copies of past cover letters.  | Copies of past cover letters.                           |  |
|            |                  |     | References with complete contact information.  | References with complete contact information.           |  |
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Include dates, employers, location and a detailed description of responsibilities, skills and accomplishments.

#### **REFLECTION WORKSHEET**



**Instructions:** Sometimes it helps to be prompted to identify information that should be part of your portfolio. Use this worksheet to get you thinking in depth about a project, experience or activity.

| What was your project, experience or activity?                                 |  |
|--|--|
| Describe what you did, step-by-step. You might include a photograph or sketch. |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
| What new words/terms/tools did you use or learn about?                         |  |
| What employability skills did you use?   |  |
| What school subjects did you use?  |  |
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